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Revision for Payment for Blood Clotting Factor Administered to Hemophilia Inpatients

Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for services related to blood clotting factor administered to hemophilia inpatients.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 4311 which includes new "J" Codes for hemophilia clotting factors. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2006, old "Q" Codes (Q0187 and Q0222) are replaced with New "J" Codes (J7189 and J7188) respectively.

Background

Change Request (CR) 4311 notifies providers that two Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) "Q" codes are being replaced with two HCPCS "J" codes for blood clotting factor administered to hemophilia inpatients. The following table lists the two discontinued "Q" codes and the two new replacement "J" codes:

Discontinued "Q" Code	Descriptor	New Replacement "J" Code
Q0187	Factor VIIa (Coagulation Factor, Recombinant)	J7189
Q0222	Von Willebrand Factor Complex	J7188

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Note: The discontinued “Q” codes (Q0187 and Q2022) can no longer be used after December 31, and effective January 1, 2006, the discontinued “Q” codes will no longer be viable codes.

Implementation

The implementation date for the instruction is March 6, 2006. Because the implementation date is later than the effective date, your intermediary will instruct you on how and when to resubmit claims for dates of service between January 1 and March 5, 2006.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R203OTN.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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